

Small Group Discussion Questions

Williamsburg County

What is occurring in your communities which addresses these responsibilities and areas for action?

- Mentors for 2nd year compared to 1 year for 1st year teachers
- Full implementation involving all stakeholders
- EEDA
- New school in Hemingway area
- Increase focus on Early Childhood
- Increase parents involvement

What are the critical barriers to fulfilling the commitment in your community?

- Poverty
- Job locations
- Social outlets
- 2nd family living condition
- Taxes
- Attracting jobs
- Rural/geographic location
- Parent education level

List the five most important things your community can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Pay incentives
- Recognize worth of each student
- Except each other
- Community involvement/ Greater encouragement
- Educate faith community

List the five most important things you as an individual can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Make parents more aware that they have support
- Become a mentor
- Emphasize the importance of education at all opportunities
- Encourage business and industry to take a lead in influencing parents to participate in children's education
- Enlist support of ministerial association
- Strengthen PTO
- Provide role models for students